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SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: WORKING GROUP MEETING NOVEMBER 2

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SUMMARY: KOREA WORKING GROUP MET NOVEMBER 2. FOLLOWING VOTING ASSESSMENT INDICATING SMALL MARGIN AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION AND GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT PRIORITY FOR OUR RES UNLIKELY, WG (CHAired BY UK) DISCUSSED FALLBACK TACTICS. ROK COUNSELLOR INDICATED READINESS TO CONSIDER DROPPING MEMBERSHIP PARAGRAPH AND AMENDING HOSTILE RESOLUTION. NEXT WG MEETING IS SCHEDULED TO FOLLOW ROK FONMIN KIM'S EXPECTED ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK NOVEMBER 5. END SUMMARY.

1. KOREA WORKING GROUP, AUGMENTED BY CANADA, NEW ZEALAND AND NETHERLANDS REPS (WHO ENGAGED IN LOBBYING), MET NOVEMBER 2 AT STAFF LEVEL UNDER UK CHAIRMANSHIP.

2. FOLLOWING UPDATING OF VOTING ASSESSMENTS (WHICH SHOWED SMALL MARGIN AGAINST HOSTILE RESOLUTION) MOST REPS EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT PRIORITY FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION OBTAINABLE.

3. VIRTUALLY ALL REPS, INCLUDING ROK COUNSELLOR HAM WHO INDICATED READINESS TO CONSIDER DELETION OF MEMBERSHIP PARAGRAPH, PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES
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FOR AMENDMENTS TO FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE DRAFTS. UK REP, WHO ECHOED OTHERS' REPORTS THAT MANY MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED WISH TO AVOID BEING CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO RESOLUTIONS, INFORMALLY TABLED "PERSONAL" SUGGESTIONS FOR POSSIBLE "MERGER" OF TWO

DRAFTS (POUCHED IO/UNP).

4. NONE OF PARTICIPANTS AT WG MEETING SUGGESTED APPROACH TO HOSTILE COSPONSORS REGARDING MERGER OF DRAFTS. BUT THEY GENERALLY AGREED THAT SITUATION REQUIRED FURTHER CAREFUL STUDY AND CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSION OF FALLBACK TACTICS. HAM SAID HE IN PRINCIPLE COULD ACCEPT CONTINGENCY TACTIC OF AMENDING HOSTILE RES. HE AGREED TO UK SUGGESTION THAT ROK MISSION CONSIDER MINIMUM AMENDMENTS TO HOSTILE RES WHICH WOULD RENDER THAT RES ACCEPTABLE TO ROK; MAXIMUM AMENDMENTS ROK COULD ACCEPT TO FRIENDLY RES, AND ROK REACTION TO UK REP'S COMPROMISE RES.

5. HAM REPORTED FONMIN KIM SCHEDULED ARRIVE NEW YORK NOVEMBER 5 AND AGREED, IN VIEW OF WG CONSENSUS ON NEED FOR FURTHER FALLBACK PLANNING, TO MEET AGAIN ASAP AFTER CONSULTING WITH KIM.

6. WE PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION OF PROCEDURAL PROBLEMS, BUT GENERALLY TOOK LOW POSTURE AT MEETING, MAKING NO SUGGESTIONS FOR AMENDMENTS, DECLINING COMMENT ON UK "MERGER" PENDING ROK REACTION AND SAID WE WOULD REPORT DISCUSSION AS USEFUL PRELIMINARY CONTRIBUTION TO PLANNING.

7. LATE NOVEMBER 2 JAPANESE AMBASSADOR SAITO TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR BENNETT TO SUGGEST, IN LIGHT OF WG DISCUSSION (IN WHICH JAPANESE DEL HAD BEEN ACTIVE, INCLUDING SUGGESTING AMENDMENT TO HOSTILE PARAGRAPH ON FOREIGN TROOPS), THAT WG PERMREPS MEET NOVEMBER 5. WE DO NOT KNOW AS OF EVENING NOVEMBER 2 IF SAITO HAS SUGGESTED THIS TO ROK AMBASSADOR PARK OR OTHER WG PRINCIPALS.
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